# RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Three-Star Program was developed to meet the needs and challenges of the evolving economic environment in urban and rural communities and to partner with communities to create opportunities for sustained economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, communities seeking certification as a Three-Star community must meet certain criteria, including the adoption of a five-year strategic economic development plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in achieving the mission of the Three-Star Program, the Department of Economic and Community Development commits to assist communities in developing and implementing a strategic economic plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the county legislative body of Rutherford County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, that:

**SECTION 1.** The legislative body of Rutherford County declares that the county has adopted a five-year strategic economic development plan to be updated annually.

**SECTION 2.** The strategic economic development plan includes the county's economic goals in promoting economic growth, a plan to accomplish those goals and a projected timeline in achieving those goals.

**SECTION 3.** The strategic economic development plan addresses the county's goals pertaining to existing industry, manufacturing recruitment, workforce development, retail/service, tourism, agriculture, infrastructure assessment and educational assessment.

Adopted this day of , 2011.	
APPROVED:	
County Mayor	
ATTEST:	

# RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL TITLE VI REGULATIONS

**WHEREAS**, both Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provide that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Attorney General opined in Opinion No. 92.47 that state and local governments are required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act in administering federally funded programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Division of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development administers the Three-Star Program and awards financial incentives for communities designated as Three-Star communities; and

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development receiving federal financial assistance all communities designated as Three-Star communities must confirm that the community is in compliance with the regulations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the county legislative body of Rutherford County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, that:

**SECTION 1.** The legislative body of Rutherford County declares that the county is in compliance with the federal Title VI regulations.

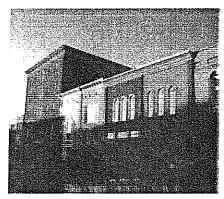
**SECTION 2.** The Department of Economic and Community Development may from time to time monitor the county's compliance with federal Title VI regulations.

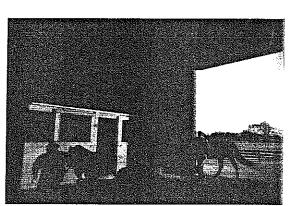
SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

Adopted this day	y of , 2011.	
APPROVED:		
County Mayor		
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# Rutherford County, Temmessee Five-Year Strategic Plan







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Tennessee Three-Star Program

Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce

# Rutherford County Five-Year Strategic Plan

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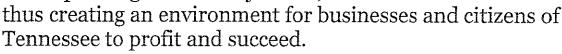
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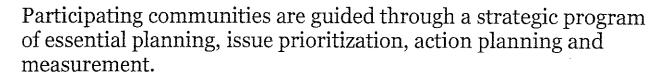
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# About the Three-Star Program

The Governor's Three-Star Program assists urban and rural communities in their effort to achieve excellence in community and economic development.

The program fosters community consensus toward accomplishing development goals and objectives,





The foundation of the Three-Star Program is the Five-Year Asset-Based Strategic Plan, which reflects the development issues of the community and the challenges communities face in an ever-changing environment.



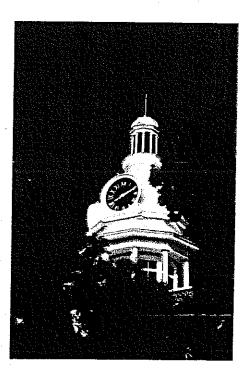
Communities who show performance excellence in the program will be awarded with incentives and grants to address their development issues.

The Rutherford County Five-Year Strategic Plan was developed by the goals and initiatives of Destination Rutherford, Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and local government. Every year, the plan is updated by building on last year's plan and gathering input from community leaders.

# **Mission Statements**

# **Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce**

To promote economic development and a quality of life to benefit all residents of Rutherford County.



### **Destination Rutherford**

To provide strategic leadership, direction and financial strength for Rutherford County through economic growth and balance, leadership and community development and educational advantages.

# City of Murfreesboro

To provide a safe, progressive and healthy community for its citizens by employing dedicated individuals who work together to ensure the highest possible quality of life. The city is committed to creating a better quality of life and making Murfreesboro a great city in which to live, work and play.

# Town of Smyrna

To provide quality of life services to our citizens in an efficient, effective, and fiscally responsible manner.

# City of La Vergne

To enrich the quality of life for all members of the community by providing efficient and effective services with integrity and teamwork.

# Planning & Infrastructure Development

A successful community planning program facilitates community growth and ensures that communities become safer, stronger, wealthier and more sustainable.

**Responsible Parties**: Rutherford County, City of Murfreesboro, Town of Smyrna, City of La Vergne and City of Eagleville

### Goal

Develop goals/strategies for future use of land and transportation needs of Rutherford County

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Review zoning resolution				

# Community Development

# Arts & Culture

Arts & Culture can play a significant role in residential and business recruiting, tourism growth, education improvement, and overall quality of life.

**Responsible Parties**: Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Cultural Arts Commission, Murfreesboro/Rutherford Art League, Stones River Crafts Association, Murfreesboro Symphony Orchestra, MTSU and representation from other arts

**Goal** Develop an Arts Council

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Create an event to celebrate October as "National Arts & Humanities Month"	Develop marketing campaign that promotes all arts events	Expand marketing campaign	Develop Governance Structure	

# Community Development (Continued)

# Health Care

The health of a community's citizens affects both the local quality of life and the economy. The Community Wellness Council of Rutherford County was established in response to a challenge from the Department of Health to communities to organize groups of volunteers at the local level to evaluate and improve the health and wellness of citizens in their areas.

Responsible Parties: Rutherford County Wellness Council

**Goal**To be a resource for health needs in the community

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Implement programs created through the Active Living Neighborhood, Healthy Children, Workplace Wellness and Aging Well Committees	Expand programs created through the Active Living Neighborhood, Healthy Children, Workplace Wellness and Aging Well Committees	Evaluate effectiveness of committee programs	Assess current health needs of Rutherford County and establish initiatives	

# Leadership Development

Leadership development involves indentifying youth and adult leaders that communities can train to serve more and to make future policy decisions.

**Responsible Parties:** 

Leadership Rutherford Council



Goal

Enhance Youth and Adult Leadership Rutherford programs and better through programs and alumni involvement

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Re-evaluate group projects to be more reflective of community impact	Continue to improve e-mail alert to alumni and evaluate alumni newsletter	Organize an alumni event	Secure long- term funding source for YLR	

# Economic Development

# Agriculture

Agriculture not only provides food and clothing, but jobs and economic impact on the local economy.

**Responsible Parties:** Rutherford County Extension, Rutherford County Agricultural Committee

**Goal**Increase agriculture education and agri-tourism

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Lane Agri-Park (LAP) Site Development Project continues as "work in progress"	Begin the planning Stage for Phase III of Agritourism Center. Design walking trails for LAP	Complete the design and secure funding for Agritourism Center. Establish walking trails for the LAP	Begin Construction of Agritourism Center	Complete Phase III by opening Agritourism Center

# Economic Development (Continued)

# Existing Industry

Industries that currently support the community deserve special attention from community leaders who are aware of the industry's products, current work force and leadership.

**Responsible Parties**: Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce – Existing Industry Council

Goal
Promote area industry and address workforce needs in the area

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Meet with existing companies on a weekly basis	Meet with HQ companies not located in Rutherford County	Continue to build on existing industry appreciation events	Secure training grant and work with area industries on programming	Continue to build upon existing industry program and monitor results and value- added benefits

# Economic Development (Continued)

# Main Street

The Main Street Program capitalizes on the unique character of the courthouse square and the surrounding business district with the goal of transforming it into the cultural, social, professional and retail center of Rutherford County...in essence, the hub of the community life.

**Responsible Parties**: Main Street: Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Board of Directors

Goal

Ensure security of the Main Street program and its downtown businesses, as well as assist property and business owners with potential development

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Define fundraising campaign and execute	Expand the Annual Fund Campaign	Central business district market analysis	Design guidelines for new construction and renovations	Special use guidelines for downtown overlay district

# Economic Development (Continued)

# Recruitment

With a central U.S. location, excellent transportation structure, high quality of life, progressive works compensation legislation and other amenities, there are many reasons for companies to locate to Tennessee. However, individual communities must also market individual strengths.

Responsible Parties: Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce – Economic Development, Destination Rutherford, Rutherford County, City of Murfreesboro, Town of Smyrna, City of La Vergne, City of Eagleville

Goal
Promote the high quality education of the public education systems of Rutherford County and Murfreesboro City Schools

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Re-evaluate education marketing campaign	Increase awareness of Rutherford County as Corporate HQ	Increase awareness of Rutherford County as a research & development destination	Evaluate potential land sites and infrastructure for Economic Development projects	Continue to work with local leaders on recruitment of headquarters, back office operations and work with our higher education institutions on workforce development

Economic Development (Continued)

# Tourism

Attracting tourists to a community and the surrounding region can contribute substantial amounts of capital into area businesses. To capitalize on the economic benefits of tourism, the community must have an effective tourist development program that promotes local attractions and indentifies opportunities for development.

**Responsible Parties**: Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce - Convention & Visitors Bureau Board

Goal
Promote Rutherford County as a conference, meeting, shopping, sports, reunion and convention destination

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Develop new logo, marketing plan and email newsletter; Plan sales missions to association representatives & meeting planners; Seek bid opportunities for sporting events; Region 3 Soccer Championships	Plan Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion; Plan sales missions to association representatives & meeting planners; seek bid opportunities for sporting events	Hire convention sales person / Plan sales missions to association representatives & meeting planners / Seek bid opportunities for sporting events	Plan sales missions to association representatives & meeting planners / Seek bid opportunities for sporting events	

# Education & Workforce Development

High-quality education is one of the most important quality-oflife indicators for a community to address, not only for the general well being of the citizens, but for economic development as well.

**Responsible Parties**: Business Education Partnership, Rutherford County School Board, Murfreesboro City School Board, Middle Tennessee State University

### Goal

To aide in insuring a better prepared future workforce through increased STEM education, higher education rates and increased dialogue between business and education to promote a better spectrum of understanding of mutual needs.

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Increase involvement and support from business and arts communities in STEM programs	Involve MTSU students and personnel in STEM program planning for schools	Establish new/expand ongoing STEM programs facilitated by BEP	Expand ongoing STEM programs facilitated by BEP	

# Economic Development Organizations

### Joint Economic and Community Development Board

Local governments engage in long term economic and community development planning, and that such planning shall be accomplished through regular communication and cooperation among local governments, the agencies attached to them and the agencies that serve them.

John Black

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VP Economic Development, Rutherford County Chamber of

Commerce

Bess Rickman

ED Specialist, Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce

### **Industrial Development Board**

To maintain and increase economic opportunities, increase the production of agricultural commodities, and increase the quantity of housing available. Exercise corporate powers, including the power to acquire, lease, sell, enter into loans, issue bonds, borrow money, employ and compensate agents, exercise powers expressly given in certificate of incorporation.

James Baker

Chair, Industrial Development Board

Edwin Davenport

Pinnacle Financial Partners

John C. Jones, Jr.

The Jones Company

Rob Lyons

City Manager, Murfreesboro

Alan Farley

Middle Tennessee State University

David Waldron

Waldron Enterprises

Randall Matlock

Randall Matlock & Associates

# Economic Development Organizations (Continued)

### **Destination Rutherford**

To provide strategic leadership, direction and financial strength for Rutherford County through economic growth and balance, leadership and community development and educational advantages.

Initiative One: Aggressive and Diversified Economic Growth

- 1) Business Development and Attraction
- 2) Existing Business Retention and Expansion
- 3) Commercial and Retail Development
- 4) Capitalizing on Tourism

Initiative Two: Community Development

- 1) Advocacy
- 2) Media Relations, Communications and Marketing
- 3) Proactive Leadership Development Program

Initiative Three: Educational Advantages and Opportunities

- 1) Enhance Community/University Relationship
- 2) Youth Education and Work Force Programs

Pinnacle Financial Partners

Ole South Properties

Reeves-Sain Family of Medical Services

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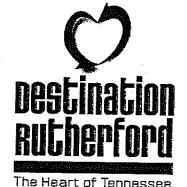
Industrial Development Board

Middle Tennessee Medical Center

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Coordinated School Health

Middle Tennessee State University

Tennessee Department of Health

Coordinated School Health Rutherford County Schools

City Police Department

Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation

Healthcare/Senior Citizens Regional Council

Middle Tennessee State University

County Health Department

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V.A. Tennessee Valley Health Care

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Town of Smyrna

Wings of Eagles School of Flight

Green Bank

Office of Development (MTSU)

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Chamber of Commerce

**MTSU** 

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Leadership Rutherford

# Committees (Continued)

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Darin Rowell Jason Surratt 10-90 Strategy Leadership Execution

First Tennessee Bank

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Murfreesboro City Council

Murphy Fair Publications

Walking Horse Owners Association

Embassy Suites Murfreesboro

Oaklands Historic House Museum

DoubleTree by Hilton, Murfreesboro

Smyrna Parks & Recreation Department

Smyrna Town Council

Sam Davis Home & Museum

Convention & Visitors Bureau

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